FARLEY WINDOWS

US Department of Energy Attention: Mr. Richard Karney

RE: Energy Star Zone Changes

Mr. Karney,

I am sending this letter to voice my companies' opinion in regard to the proposed changes to take place to the Energy Star Program.

Farley Windows is a manufacturer of vinyl windows and doors for the replacement and new construction industry in Canada and The United States. We have been an Energy Star partner and supporter since the beginning and we feel strongly that you understand the effects the proposed changes will have on our business.

In looking at the 3 Zone and 4 Zone maps proposed, it became very clear to us that the 4 Zone is the only viable option we could support. The 4 Zone provides greater overall energy savings for the consumer and also help keep our costs of manufacturing inline.

The 3 Zone map will force us to add additional lines of glass to our product offering and will make our years of solar heat gain claims appear to be fictitious. As a person who lives in Central Massachusetts, I can attest first hand how much we need this additional solar energy in the heating months. The 3 Zone map completely disregards the advantages of free solar energy. This would be a shame for the consumers who look to Energy Star to point them in the right direction, not just the direction that some major manufacturers want you to go.

Please help push for the 4 Zone proposal and allow the Energy Start Program to remain strong and a worthwhile use of public funds. Keep Energy Star from becoming just another pawn for the industries giants to play with.

Best regards,

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